

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUBERNA REKHA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Suberna Rekha Project of West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Union Government has agreed to fund 90% of the total cost of this project; and
- (c) if so, the time by which this project is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Subernarekha Barrage project (West Bengal) envisages construction of a barrage across Subernarekha river downstream of Chandil dam and Galudih barrage near Bhosraghat to irrigate 1,14,198 ha annually in the Midnapur district of West Bengal through a left bank canal and its distribution system covering a culturable command area of 96,860 ha as approved by the Planning Commission in 1995. The project was taken up for construction in the year 1995-96 at an estimated cost of Rs. 215.61 crore (1987 price level).

(b) & (c) As per the existing guidelines on AIBP, the irrigation projects benefiting drought prone/tribal/flood prone areas are eligible for up to 90% grant of the project cost included in AIBP depending on the extent of irrigation benefits provided by the project to such area that has been proposed in AIBP. The extent to which, the Suberna Rekha project could receive funding under AIBP could be decided on receipt of proposal from State Government of West Bengal as per guidelines of the AIBP in force.

Irrigation being a state subject, the planning, execution, funding as well as priority of execution of such projects is within the purview of the concerned State Government.